

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 234 - SB 260

March 22, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Declares that it is not an offense for a person who holds a valid medical marijuana patient identification issued by another state to possess, or distribute to another lawful cardholder, an amount of marijuana not in excess of one-half ounce.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-415, Schedule VI controlled substances include marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinols (THC), or a synthetic equivalent.
- The state of Tennessee does not currently authorize the possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance, nor does it issue medical marijuana identification cards.
- The proposed legislation will essentially decriminalize possession of a controlled substance for any person from another state which holds a medical marijuana identification card issued by such state.
- Local government could realize a decrease in expenditures for any costs associated with prosecuting possession cases.
- There is insufficient data to precisely estimate any decrease in local expenditures. However, it is reasonably assumed that any decrease in expenditures resulting from the decriminalization of the possession of marijuana, THC, or a synthetic equivalent for persons affected by this act will not be significant.
- Any realized savings will be spent within the municipality to prosecute other criminal activities; therefore, the net fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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